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TO SECRETARY FROM SCHAUFLELE

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TAGS: PFOR, AO US

SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: WASHINGTON POST REPORT ON GARBA
PRESS CONFERENCE

(S/S 7602662)

REQUEST YOU AUTHORIZE TRANSMISSION OF FOLLOWING PROPOSED
CABLE TO ANAVO, ALL AF POSTS, BRASILIA, GEORGETOWN,
PANAMA, PORT OF SPAIN, MEXICO, KINGSTON, CARACAS, LIMA,
MADRID, STOCKHOLM, HELSINKI, VIENNA, INFO - AMREPS, MOSCOW

BEGIN TEXT: UNDER HEADLINE "KISSINGER WEIGHS ANGOLA
SHIFT", WASHINGTON POST, FEBRUARY 7, REPORTS ON PRESS
CONFERENCE GIVEN BY NIGERIAN COMMISSIONER OF EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS GARBA AS FOLLOWS: "DESPITE HIS CONGRESSIONAL
TESTIMONY PLEDGING CONTINUED U.S. SUPPORT FOR THE LOSING
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FACTIONS IN-ANGOLA, SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER

HAS TOLD A VISITNG AFRICAN LEADER THAT HE IS PRIVATELY CONSIDERING ACCEPTANCE OF THE WINNING SOVIET-BACKED POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA, 'WHEN THE TIME COMES'.

COL. JOSEPH N. GARBA, NIGERIAN COMMISSIONER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, SAID KISSINGER ASSURED HIM DURING AN HOUR-LONG MEETING THURSDAY THAT 'HE HAD NOTHING AGAINST THE POPULAR MOVEMENT, AND WHEN THE TIME COMES THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO SHIFT AMERICAN POLICY ON ANGOLA, HE WOULD CONSIDER IT'.

2) YOU SHOULD INFORM HOST GOVERNMENT IMMEDIATELY THAT U.S. POLICY ON ANGOLA HAS NOT CHANGED. DURING HIS MEETING WITH SECRETARY, GARBA MADE PLEA FOR USG CONTACT WITH MPLA. IN REPLY SECRETARY REITERATED THAT US HAS NOTHING AGAINST MPLA, BUT IS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT SOVIET/CUBAN PRESENCE AND INFLUENCE IN ANGOLA. WE DO NOT EXCLUDE EVENTUAL CONTACT WITH MPLA PROVIDING APPROPRIATE STEPS ARE TAKEN TO END SOVIET/CUBAN AND ALL OTHER FOREIGN INTERVENTION.

3) ALL AF DIPLOMATIC POSTS: THIS INSTRUCTION SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT IMMEDIATELY WITH THOSE GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAVE NOT RECOGNIZED MPLA AND THOSE WHICH HAVE RECOGNIZED MPLA BUT WHOSE POSITION IS KNOWN TO BE FLEXIBLE. BUT ALL OTHERS, INCLUDING HARD-CORE MPLA SUPPORTERS SHOULD ALSO BE INFORMED. END TEXT

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